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To: SpaceXBocaChica
Subject: Comment for Programmatic EA on Starship/Super Heavy launch operations
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Dear Federal Aviation Administration,

Wilderness areas in southern Texas and the Rio Grande valley are already suffering severe environmental impacts from the border wall. The last thing we should do is add insult to injury.

I urge the FAA to conduct a new EIS for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy operations currently underway at SpaceX?s Boca Chica site. From the 2014 FEIS, the objective, launch vehicle, and the size and scope is entirely different, which potentially may include off-shore launches via Super Heavy-class spaceports, Super Heavy re-landing on the launch stand, simultaneous launches, and a resort.

FAA should consider not just the ?proposed project? and ?no action? alternatives, but also other alternatives that include launches of Starship from an offshore platform or moving Starship launches to Cape Canaveral, for which the necessary infrastructure already exists and is situated further away from National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.

A new cumulative analysis needs to be conducted. A 3rd-party launch failure analysis is needed due to the proximity of Port Isabel, Long Island Village and potentially three LNG export terminals within five miles of the launch site. Additionally, an analysis of the potential impacts to the proposed Jupiter LLC project, a crude upgrading, processing and export facility which includes an offshore VLCC loading facility six miles offshore.

A new biological opinion is needed. The Starship is much larger, there will be more testing, more beach closures, and more traffic where endangered wildlife is present. More closures of Boca Chica beach will result in increased inaccessibility to monitoring of endangered sea turtle nesting sites.

Additionally, I request the FAA enforce and/or hold SpaceX accountable to their required mitigation.

Sincerely,

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